

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Binh X. Tran

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For: METHOD OF FORMING AN
EPITAXIAL LAYER FOR RAISED
DRAIN AND SOURCE REGIONS BY
REMOVING CONTAMINATIONS

Customer No.: 23720

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated August 23, 2006, for which the three-month date for response is November 23, 2006.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.110400.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.